

REMARKS

Claim Amendments

Claims 1, 7, 11, 13 and 15 have been cancelled. Claims 2-5, 10, 12, 14, 16 and 22 have been amended. No new matter has been added as a result of the amendments made herein.

Rejection of Claims 1-3 and 15-23 Under 35 U.S.C § 112, First Paragraph

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-3 and 15-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph. In addition, the Examiner objected to Claims 4-14 as dependent upon a rejected base claim, but stated that the claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent from including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 4 has been rewritten in independent form to include the subject matter of rejected base Claim 1. More specifically, Claim 4 now recites that the substituent on the nitrogen atoms of the poly(diallylamine) polymer is an unsubstituted normal or branched C₂-C₂₄ alkyl group. As indicated by the Examiner, this claims in now allowable. Claim 4 has been further amended to recite that the polymer is crosslinked and that administration is to a mammal. All of the remaining claims depend either directly or indirectly from Claim 4. Claim 1 has been cancelled.

In view of the above amendments, the rejection is overcome. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If

the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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